



# City of Santa Fe Springs

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Environmental Protection Agency  
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San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Lynda Deschambault, Remedial Project Manager

Subject: Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Deschambault:

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2010, which informed us that EPA did not intend to hold any additional public meetings as requested by the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Norwalk in our letters of October 25, 2010 and October 21, 2010. However, we are compelled to inform you that the Cities of Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk are very disappointed and dissatisfied with that decision.

We appreciate the efforts made by EPA to meet with local officials regarding this important issue and acknowledge that presentations made to our City Councils and the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority have provided opportunities for elected officials to become knowledgeable about the Omega Plume and the OU-2 Remedial Plan developed by EPA.

However, your efforts to seek input from the general public have fallen short of our expectations and the City of Santa Fe Springs and the City of Norwalk continue to be very concerned that EPA is moving forward without giving the residents and businesses most affected by the Omega Plume an adequate opportunity to ask questions and provide input before a final decision is made by EPA. Further, we believe the decision by EPA to rely on the input received at only one meeting in the City of Whittier on August 31, 2010 ignores that fact that the majority of the Omega Plume overlays the City of Santa Fe Springs and that the plume has migrated even further into the City of Norwalk than the OU-2 Remedial Plan reflects. Collectively, it is our position that EPA has not adequately informed the public, yet it has chosen to ignore these concerns and move forward with the decision-making process prematurely.

In closing, the Cities of Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk respectfully ask that EPA reconsider its decision to not hold another public meeting as we have requested. We believe that holding another meeting would demonstrate that EPA is truly concerned about understanding how

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residents and businesses within our communities feel about this important issue. Please contact our respective City Managers, Ernie V. Garcia at (562) 929-5700 or Frederick W. Latham at (562) 868-0511 to further discuss these concerns.

Sincerely,



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City of Santa Fe Springs



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